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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Osamu KATO et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 1776
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Application No.: 10/776,637	)	Group Art Unit: 3767
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Filed: February 12, 2004	)	Examiner: Deanna K. Hall
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For: HOLLOW TUBE BODY FOR MEDICAL	)	
TOOL AND A CATHETER INTO	)	Mail Stop AF
WHICH THE HOLLOW TUBE BODY IS	)	
INCORPORATED	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Mail Stop AF**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2008, the period for reply extends through January 10, 2008, entry of the following remarks is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.